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SUBJ: CIVAIR: INCREASED AIR TRANSPORTATION TAX

REF: OTTAWA A-335, MAY 23, 1975; OTTAWA 2423 AND 2446

1. DETAILS OF THE INCREASED MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF AIR TRANSPORTATION TAX, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, WERE ANNOUNCED JULY 16 BY TRANSPORT MINISTER JEAN MARCHAND.

2. ACCORDING TO MOT PRESS RELEASE , "THE TAX ON AIR TRANSPORTATION PAID OR PAYABLE IN CANADA WILL BE EIGHT PER CENT OF THE AIR FARE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$8.00 ON TRIPS WITHIN THE DESIGNATED TAXATION AREA, WHILE THE SPECIFIC TAX ON INTERNATIONAL TRIPS ENDING OUTSIDE THE TAXATION AREA WILL BE A FLAT \$8.00. THE TAXATION AREA INCLUDES CANADA, THE UNITED STATES (EXCEPT HAWAII) AND THE FRENCH ISLAND OF ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON."

3. RELEASE ALSO STATES MARCHAND SAID REVENUE RESULTING FROM THESE INCREASES IN AIR TRANSPORTATION TAX WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST RECOVERY OBJECTIVE OF THE NEW TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND HELP ARREST THE GROWING DEFICIT IN OUR AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

4. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS PROTEST BY AIR TRANSPORT
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ASSOCIATION OF CANADA THAT THIS INCREASE "APPEARS

TO FURTHER DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THOSE WHO PREFER TO
TRAVEL BY AIR." JOHNSON

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